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UNITED STATES SENATE  
Committee on the Judiciary

October 17, 1962

The Honorable C. Douglas Dillon  
Secretary of Treasury  
Department of Treasury  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Curbs on trade with Cuba has been a matter of deep interest to me for some time. I would appreciate very much being advised in detail of the present practices and procedures for controlling trade with Cuba, and how the situation will be effected by the new regulations recently proposed by the President. Specifically, I would like information on the following matters.

1. How much of the Soviet bloc trade with Cuba is actually carried on with Soviet bloc ships, and how much in chartered vessels? Are any American-owned ships flying flags of convenience, engaging in trade with Cuba?
2. Approximately how many non-Soviet bloc ships which carry material to Cuba would use United States ports to take on goods for a return journey?
3. What percentage of total tonnage carried by non-Soviet Bloc nations consists of food, and what percentage is manufactured goods?
4. What articles or supplies will be included in the definition of "military cargo" under the new regulations?
5. In what instances would United States ports be closed to

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individual ships, and when would an entire fleet rather than just the offending ships be subjected to sanctions?

6. What steps have been taken to insure that these regulations will not be circumvented by rerouting goods through a third country or redistributing carriers to free more Soviet ships for the Cuba trade?

I am confident that your Department and the Department of State to which I am addressing a similar letter will do all in its power to make these regulations truly effective, and I know that you share my desire to exert the strongest possible economic measures to crush the Castro regime. Please be assured of my desire to cooperate with you in every possible way.

With best personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ K. B. Keating

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